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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland - Four Men Convicted of Gang-Related Murder

(U) Three reputed members of the Five Kingdom Mafia —a robbery engaging gang operating in Berkeley and Oakland—were convicted on Wednesday of murder and a fourth was convicted of voluntary manslaughter for the fatal shooting of a 24-year-old man in East Oakland in broad daylight in 2016. Officials stated the suspects fired multiple shots at the victim "without regard for the safety of anyone." Despite evidence presented in court, the defense attorney argued the gang members' attack "was not an organized action" but "a random attack on the spur of the moment." The jury disagreed and convicted the men of the alleged crime.

SOURCE: 7 February 2019, Patch

(U) Sacramento - Gunfire During Funeral Injured One, Shooter At Large

(U) One person was shot during a funeral around noon yesterday in a south Sacramento church in what police said was a targeted attack. The shooter walked into the First Church of God while the service was underway and shot an attendee twice in the leg with a handgun. The victim was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Police said the suspect was described as wearing a hoodie and a mask and is currently at large. Since the shooting is believed to have been targeted and not random, police do not think the community is at risk. Authorities continue to investigate this case.

SOURCE: 7 February 2019, Sacramento Bee

(U) Tracy - Two Hospitalized After Attack, Shooting at Prison

(U) Two inmates attacked a third inmate yesterday on the basketball court on the main recreation yard at the Deuel Vocational Institution. The victimized inmate was attacked and stabbed in the head and chest. A tower officer shot one of the attackers, according to a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation spokesperson. A third attacker was treated at the prison for a laceration to his hand. The attackers, using inmate-made weapons, ignored orders from officers to stop their attack and get down. Officials recovered the inmate-made weapons and are investigating.

SOURCE: 7 February 2019, KCRA News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona - Shooting Shuts Down DeConcini Port-of-Entry

(U) Nogales - A shooting involving a US officer has led to the temporary closure of the DeConcini Port-of-Entry yesterday. A vehicle headed south at the port was asked by a Customs and Border Protection officer to stop but the driver refused and attempted to run over the officer. The driver was shot, but the vehicle's momentum carried it over the border onto the Mexican side of the border buffer zone between the two countries. Officers of the Mexican equivalent of CBP reportedly surrounded the vehicle and dragged a man out who was taken to a hospital in Mexico. There were conflicting reports about whether he survived.

SOURCE: 8 February 2019, Arizona Daily Star

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(U) Mexico - Fentanyl Crisis Emerging in Mexico's Northern Border Area

(U) Tijuana - "2018...was undoubtedly the year of fentanyl and more overdoses...than we've ever seen," says Luis Alberto Segovia, director of harm reduction group Prevencasa. Prevencasa operates out of a house in Tijuana's Zone Norte, a poor and violent neighborhood along the border fence separating Mexico from the United States. The threat of illicit fentanyl reportedly appears to be concentrated in Mexico's northern border region and affects former undocumented immigrants to the US who have been deported. Fentanyl, which costs as little as \$2.62 per dose, has taken over from black tar heroin in the region – both Tijuana and Mexicali have seen a notable shift from black tar to "white powder," according to harm reductionists. Tests on syringes and cookers by harm reduction groups come back positive for fentanyl in all three border cities.

SOURCE: 7 February 2019, Pacific Standard

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - TSA Finds Record Number of Firearms at Airport Checkpoints

(U) Washington - Passengers passed through airport checkpoints in record numbers in 2018, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said yesterday, and they also attempted to pass with a record number of firearms. While nearly 814 million passengers and crew members passed through TSA screening last year, officers found an all-time high 4,239 firearms in carry-on bags – a 7 percent increase over 2017. More than 86 percent of the firearms discovered by TSA officers were loaded, and about 34 percent had a round in the chamber. Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, the busiest airport in the world, topped the list with 298 firearms last year.

SOURCE: 7 February 2019, WTNH News

(U) Utah - Man Charged with Threatening to Kill 'As Many Girls as I See'

(U) Provo - Christopher Cleary, 27, who reportedly planned on "being the next mass shooter" by killing women, was almost released from custody due to a mistake in the charging documents. Cleary, charged with one count of threat of terrorism, reportedly posted messages on social media indicating his intention to physically harm women with a firearm. Cleary is on probation for a previous stalking/threatening incident, and was arrested on 19 January at a McDonald's in Provo after coordinated efforts by law enforcement and FBI agents to locate him.

SOURCE: 7 February 2019, Herald Extra

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia - Six People Arrested After Largest US-Australian Meth Seizure

(U) Sydney - Australian police arrested six people—two of them Americans—after what authorities said was the largest single seizure, totaling 1,728 kilograms of methamphetamine in the United States, and the biggest drug seizure bound for Australia. US Customs and Border Protection said the illicit drugs were seized mid-January at the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex, along with smaller amounts of cocaine and heroin, and was linked to a US-based drug trafficking organization. The illicit drugs were hidden in metal boxes labelled as loudspeakers. Australian authorities said it was also the largest such seizure intercepted while bound for Australia and would have provided around 17 million doses of meth. SOURCE: 7 February 2019, <u>US News and World Report</u>

(U) Saudi Arabia - Leaked ISIS Documents Dispel Stereotypes of Terror Recruits

(U) Riyadh - ISIS has drawn its fighting force not just from the ranks of the angry, uneducated, and unemployed but instead has found great success in attracting well-educated millennial foreign recruits driven less by religious purity and more by a desire to fight Iranian-backed Shiite groups, according to

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ISIS's own internal data of its recruits from Saudi Arabia. A sweeping 40-page report by the Riyadh-based King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies challenges the notion that ISIS expanded by attracting disenfranchised foreign young men with few skills who lack legitimate opportunities in society.

SOURCE: 7 February 2019, Washington Times

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